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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MORG, MOPS, KU, BA
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE - THE NEW FORMAT

REF: (A) STATE 142360 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 141742 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING UNDERSECRETARY AT 1000 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 21 TO INFORM HIM ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING INITIAL MEETING OF THE US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP ON THE INDIAN OCEAN (REF. A). IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT I MIGHT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE TENTATIVELY THE POSSIBILITY OF SELF-MAINTENANCE VISITS BY COMIDEASTFOR SHIPS. WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR CHANCES FOR ARRANGING SUCH EXTENDED SELF-MAINTENANCE VISITS AS SUGGESTED IN (REF. B) ARE NECESSARILY PROMISING, I THINK IT MIGHT BE WORTHWILE EXPLORING WITH THE GOK THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING SUCH VISITS, POSSIBLY FOR ONE WEEK
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DURATION IF TWO WEEKS WERE CONSIDERED TOO LONG. THESE SELF-MAINTENANCE VISITS COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED ALONGSIDE A PIER BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT ANCHOR OFF AHMADI IN THE USUAL SPOT OCCUPIED BY U.S. NAVY SHIPS DURING REGULARLY-SCHEDULED VISITS. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO MY RAISING THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME.

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3. GIVEN THE RECENT PROMPT RESPONSE BY COMIDEASTFOR TO A GOK REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION FOR A LOST HELICOPTER, I THINK THE TIMING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY. WHILE COMIDEATFOR'S EFFORTS WERE NOT ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF CERTAIN MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS, NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S. NAVY'S DESIRE TO DO ALL IT COULD TO HELP WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT TO KUWAITI AUTHORITIES AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF A LETTER TO ME FROM THE ACTING UNDERSECRETARY.

4. IF NOT OBJECTION IS PERSEIVED, I WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH AN INDICATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE PRIOR TO MY 1000 LOCAL HOURS MEETING JUNE 21.
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